

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

CLASSIFICATION: S (AGRICULTURE)

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General Purpose: To provide support for the basic sciences and engineering sciences curricula with academic majors in Biology, Chemistry and Engineering. To provide operational support for the Academy's Forestry Management Natural Resources Section. To support recreational informational needs of students and faculty.

Collection Level Intensity: Basic information.

Geographical Areas: No restrictions, emphasis is on United States.

Chronological Periods: No restrictions, emphasis on 20th and 21st century materials.

Types of Material Collected: Monographs, serials, treatises, government documents, report literature, agricultural handbooks, bibliographies, sourcebooks and Colorado Division of Wildlife publications. Electronic sources include online databases, CD-ROMs, and evaluated Internet web sites.

Types of Material Excluded: Audiovisual items, Agriculture Experiment Station or Extension Service publications, seed and plant catalogs.

Other Factors: Materials on conservation of natural resources may be found in GF, HC, QH, TN, and other classes depending on subject emphasis of item. Coverage of specific animals may be found in both QL and S classes. Coverage of plants may be found in QK and SB or SD classes. Information on soils may be found in government documents as well as TA, TD, TE, HD, and S classes. Some Veterinary Medicine materials are collected by and housed in the Hospital Library. A separate collection development statement covers Falconry (SK321).

Subjects and Collecting Levels: The areas of Agriculture are:

S	1-760	Agriculture (General)
	900-972	Conservation of Natural Resources
SB		Plant Culture
SD		Forestry
SF	1-599	Animal Culture
	600-998	Veterinary Medicine
SH		Aquaculture
SK		Hunting Sports
Z	5071-5076	Bibliography, Agriculture (General)
	5996-5997	Bibliography, Horticulture
	6905	Bibliography, Parks and Public Reservations
	7164	Bibliography, Conservation of Natural Resources

Materials on these topics comprise a selective collection which serve to introduce and define the subject and indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. It includes major dictionaries and encyclopedias, selected editions of important works, bibliographies, and a few major periodicals in the field. Heavier emphasis is placed on conservation, environmental, and recreational topics as indicated by cadet interest. Most materials are English language only.

Weeding Criteria: Materials may be withdrawn from the collection based on the following criteria:

- a) Age: Superseded by newer editions, ephemeral material.
- b) Usage: Multiple copies with little/no use. Material of historical significance may be retained regardless of past usage or lack of usage.
- c) Physical condition: Missing pages, text unreadable (water damage, foxing, etc.), poor quality paper, or other factors that preclude rebinding.
- d) Level of Treatment: Too superficial for undergraduate study; new materials provide better/expanded explanations of complex subjects, clearer text styles, better illustrations; too advanced for undergraduate study.

Candidates for weeding will typically be compared with published lists of landmark works before being withdrawn.

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